IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. P	atent Application)
	Hongsheng Shen, et al.)
Serial No.:	10/590,684)
Filing Date:	August 25, 2006)
For:	AUXILIARY SUPPORTING UNIT, BOARDING BRIDGE WITH SAME AND	_
Art Unit:	3671)
Conf. No.:	2836)
Examiner:	Hartmann, Gary S.))

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is in response to the restriction requirement mailed June 2, 2009 in the above-identified application. The Examiner has identified the following distinct groups:

I: claims 1-9 drawn to a supporting unit;

II: claims 10-19, drawn to a boarding bridge; and

III: claims 20-27, drawn to a method. Applicants elect Group II (Claims 10-19) with traverse to the extent that Groups II and III should be examined together. The grounds for traversal are set forth in the Remarks below.